

Kwamera

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1 Language Information

- Source: Lindstrom and Lynch (1994)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kwam1252>
- ISO-identifier: tnk
- Speakers:
- Location: Vanuatu
- Geneology: Austronesian > Malayo-Polynesian > Central-Eastern Malayo-Polynesian > Eastern Malayo-Polynesian > Oceanic > Southern Melanesian > Southern Vanuatu > Tanna > Southern Tanna > Kwamera

2 Nominal Morphology

Most nouns are invariable for number. Only few nouns with human referents have a plural form.

3 Verbal Morphology

There are different number prefixes on the verb for dual, trial, and plural. Singular is unmarked.

4 Conjunction

Kwamera has the following conjunctions: *mi(ne)* 'and' (it coordinates noun phrases and corresponds to one of the prepositions), *kini* 'and' (it coordinates clauses), *na* 'and then', and *mata* 'but'.

- (1) in r-auta ia lasur kini r-ati-irapw fwe White Sands
he/she 3SG-ascend LOC volcano and 3SG-see-down LOC White Sands
'He climbed the volcano and arrived at White Sands.' [[32]LindstromandLynch1994]

- (2) kitaha sa-ha-akw eri mhavin na iou
 we:INC:PL 1INC:NDU-PL-break.up opening ES-PL-go and:then I
 iak-am-evin
 1EXC-CONT-go
 'We all break up and then I go off.' [[32]LindstromandLynch1994]
- (3) iak-agkiari mata iraha Ø-ha-apwah n-ni-ien nari
 1EXC-speak but they:PL 3NDU-PL-negative NOM-say-NOM thing
 'I spoke but they didn't say anything.' [[33]LindstromandLynch1994]

5 Disjunction

Disjunction is marked by *ua* 'or'.

- (4) t-ik-ánumwi nikava ua t-ik-e m-apri a?
 FUT-2-drink kava or FUT-2-go ES-sleep just
 'Will you drink kava or are you going to sleep?' [[33]LindstromandLynch1994]

6 Prepositions

Kwamera has a few prepositions.

1. *ia* locative (proximate), temporal, instrumental, comparative
2. *fwe* locative (distant)
3. *ti* dative, purposive, causative, benefactive, vocative
4. *mi*, *mine* dative, benefactive

References

Lindstrom, Lamont and John Lynch (1994). *Kwamera*. München: Lincom Europa.